

26th May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are sure that you will be as proud of your children as we are, the term has provided many challenges for them, and they have faced them with character and confidence. From the expected challenges of tests and exams to the sad loss of Ruby, a deeply valued member of our school community.

As hard as it has been, the community coming together has been inspiring to experience and now we prepare for what we aim to be the best term Hazeley has ever had!

We hope that the information below will help you support your child/ren to make the most of the opportunities it will bring.

Thank you for working with us

Miss Whiteman

Important dates to remember

Half term – Friday 27th June 2022.

The Academy will close at 3.15pm for our half term holiday. All students will return on Monday 6th June.

Drop down day – Thursday 16th June

This is being typed with crossed fingers that our final drop-down day of the academic year will be able to go ahead without incident! Year 7 have a STEAM focus to their day with a trip to the Think Tank in Birmingham.

Year 8's focus is around health and wellbeing and will include lots of external visitors, whilst Year 9 will spend the day exploring the links between our creative and foundation subjects to support their learning and understanding. Staff will also be using the day to visit our Year 10 students who will be out on work experience during that week.

DofE

Afterschool club sessions for Year 10 Silver DofE and Sixth Form Gold;

Monday 6th June 3:15pm F3&F4 - Using OS maps online

Monday 13th June 3:15pm F3&F4- Creating Routes with OS maps online

Monday 20th June 3:15pm F3&F4 - Effective meal planning and Kit list review

Monday 27th June 3:15pm F3&F4- Revisit Routes for Chiltern hills expeditions

Monday 4th July 3:15pm F3&F4 - Team meal planning and kit

Friday 8th July 3:15pm F3&F4 -KIT collection for expedition from the DofE container

Expedition Dates:

Year 10 Silver Practice expedition Friday 24th June - Saturday 25th June. Location - The Hazeley Academy

Year 10 Silver Qualifier and Sixth Form Gold Practice expedition 9th, 10th and 11th July. Location - Chiltern hills

In depth details have been sent home if your Son/Daughter is registered for the award, If you have not received a letter this would mean they are **not registered** please contact Lesley McKenzie to rectify this ASAP if they would like to take part in the award - lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com

Year Group Specific Messages

Year 10 - What's on my Year 10 PPE's?

From Monday 27th June, Year 10 students will be sitting their PPE's. The exams will be held in the gym under exam conditions; however, students must still come to school as normal from 8.35am-3.15pm and attend all lessons in between exam times. Please find a topic list and proposed schedule for exams here. [What's on my PPE's?](#)

Year 10 Golden Ticket

Golden ticket is a rite of passage for Year 10 at the Hazeley Academy and this year will be no different. This a chance for Year 10 students to become more focussed and motivated as they get closer to Year 11.

Year 10 students have a fantastic opportunity to complete curriculum set challenges which will prepare them for Year 11 and beyond. There will be an in-class task and a task set on Microsoft teams which is to be completed over half term.

Students will also be participating in Hazeley Prime Week, a week where students will be taught an array of different study skills, this is a great opportunity for students to refine their revision skills in preparation for their exams on 27th June.

The deadline for the Golden Ticket is the 8th July. Students who have completed the golden ticket will be rewarded time on our inflatable obstacle course and have time out of a lesson to enjoy the sunshine.

I would like to thank parents/carers for their support throughout the Golden Ticket & Exam period and continue to enable students to become the best version of themselves.

Year 10 Work experience – W/C Monday 13th June

It is fast approaching the week when our Year 10s go on work experience. This is a valuable part of the holistic education that we provide at Hazeley, and it is great to finally be able to get students out again after the last two years of not being able to do so. We are extremely grateful to all the local companies that have offered placements and know our students will do us proud. If you are part of an organisation that would like to offer placements to our students next year, please get in touch.

Year 12 UCAS Exams – 6th June – 17th June

Students will take exams in all their A level subjects; they have received their individual timetables for these. These exams will help to determine their predicted grades for university. A level lessons will not run during this time, so students only need to come into school for their exams. However, BTEC, Finance and Camtec PE lessons will continue, and students are expected to attend all these lessons unless they are sitting an exam at that time. All students during this period must attend school in the correct sixth form dress code and must use the inventory system to sign in and out. Students are more than welcome to come into school during these two weeks to study in the sixth form study spaces. All lessons and form time will return to normal on the 20th June. We wish all the students the best of luck for their exams.

General messages

WiFi

Unfortunately we are having WiFi issues within the academy. We are sorry if we have not got back to you within our usual 48 hours. Thank you for your understanding.

Pathways and Opportunities

Please [click here](#) for our Pathways and Opportunities newsletter, which includes information of careers activities across the Academy and details of apprenticeship opportunities for Year 11 and sixth form students.

Preloved uniform

Thank you again for those parents/carers that have provided uniform that their child has outgrown to support others. This initiative is very popular in school, so stock has got low. If you do have any uniform at home that your child has outgrown, we would love this in school. We can accept this at any time via reception. The last day of exams for Year 11 is a perfect opportunity for your child to donate their tie and/or blazer.

Half Term Holiday Support for Free School Meals

We are pleased to announce that Milton Keynes Council has secured additional funding under Household Support Scheme which means that students eligible for free school meals, and for those parents who do not qualify for FSM but are in receipt of Universal Credit or Work Tax Credit are eligible for holiday support. If the latter applies to you please email finance@thehazeleyacademy.com from the email address you would like to receive the voucher to, your name, students name and a copy of your latest Universal Credit or Working Tax credit statement. You will receive an e-voucher for the 1-week half term break, with a value of £15 per child.

As before, the voucher will be provided by the Edenred scheme so many of you will be familiar with the system. You will receive an email from EDENRED that will give you access to an e-code the week commencing 23rd May. This can then be changed into an eGift card (an online voucher), which you can use in the following supermarkets: Morrisons • Tesco • Sainsbury's • Asda • Waitrose • M&S food • McColl's • Aldi

For further information on the scheme and your questions answered please click on the link <https://www.edenred.co.uk/reward-recipient/Free-School-Meal-Vouchers/>

If you have any queries relating to the issuing of vouchers, please email finance@thehazeleyacademy.com prior to the closure for the holidays.

Prior to contact us please could we ask that:-

- You check all email accounts for your Priority 1 contacts
- Check your junk mail
- Read the FAQ sheet in the link above – this should answer most of your queries
- If your problem relates to using the e-code after its issue, please contact freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com

Half term activities

Milton Keynes Museum is inviting youngsters to go wild this May, with two-days of wildlife themed activities. For more information visit www.miltonkeynesmuseum.com

Kind regards,
Miss T Whiteman